tion of the Central Government and above 50% with the previouss anction of the Central Government. The Coffee Board has allowed 50% of the total estimated production of each state as free sale quota for 1993-94 season. The Free Sale Quota has provided free market access to producers paving the way for healthy growth of cultivation, industry and trade of coffee.

Export of Sugar under Duty exemption scheme

3648. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow export of sugar under the duty exemption schemes in the country;

(b) whether prospective exporters can apply for advance licences for import of raw sugar for processing into white sugar for exports; and

(c) whether the export of white sugar will be permitted only after import of raw sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFF AIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Import of raw sugar for export of white sugar has been permitted as per norms at S. No. 35 in the product group of "Food Products" of Hand Book of Procedures April, 1992—March, 1997 (Vol. II) amended upto 30th March 1994. The same norms are reproduced below :—

Sl. No.	Item of Export	Qty.	Item of Import	Qty.
35	White Sugar	1 Kg.	Raw Sugar	1.05 Kg.

Note: Export of white sugar against import of raw sugar shall be subject to the following conditions:—

1. A minimum value addition of 7.5 % has to be achieved.

2. Export of white sugar shall be permitted only after import of raw sugar.

3. Export of white sugar must be completed within a period of 3 months from the date of import of raw sugar.

4. Only Quantity Based Advance Licence shall be issued.

5. The applications shall be entertained only by the office of DGFT, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.

Export of heavy stone boulders to Bangladesh

3649. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh Government has approached the Government of India with a request to import heavy stone boulders from India to undertake bridge construction on the Yamuna river;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Commerce has fixed a minimum export price for these stones;